flowers produced in huge quantities in Madurai and surrounding areas in Tamil Nadu;

(a) if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c)The Government of Tamil Nadu has intimated that since cultivation of flowers in Madurai district is not sufficient, presently no entrepreneur has exhibited interest in setting up of perfume factories.

Macro Satellite Project by ISRO and Anna University

5396. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(b) whether ISRO and Anna University, Chennai have tied up for macro satellite project;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the time frame fixed for the project to be completed; and

(e) the cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under this agreement, Anna University will build a macro satellite with necessary technical and managerial guidance from Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). The macro satellite weighing around 60 kgs. is expected to carry a store and forward communication payload.

(c) The satellite will be developed in about 3 years.

(d)The overall project cost is estimated to be around Rs. 5.50 Crores, of which, assistance from ISRO will be about Rs. 4.00 Crores.

INSAT Series

5397. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to launch seven satellites under the new Indian National Satellite System (INSAT) series by 2007;